



Santa Clara County  
Office of Education

## Weekly Round-Up

COVID-19  
September 30, 2020

Equity - Diversity - Inclusion - Partnership

### Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan

Greetings everyone,

Autumn encourages us to slow down the daily pace of life. Spending time with family is essential and adds meaning to our lives. Monday was National Family Day, and in observance, I hope that you were able to spend quality time with your loved ones. As many of you are aware, family support is essential for healthy development and overall well-being. For those without close ties to their blood relatives, a “chosen family” can provide much-needed love and support. While the definition of family has evolved to include non-traditional families, extended relatives, close friends’ groups, and even our furry family members; whether your tribe is a nuclear family, a chosen family, or an extended one, a commonality among them is the joy they bring to our lives. Although we are in a pandemic, I encourage you to make time today to appreciate those special people in your life whom you consider family, and give them a call, set-up a Zoom call, email them or send them a note letting them know that you are thinking of them.



As we continue to move forward together, please be mindful of prioritizing your safety and well-being and reach out when you need support. Please wear a face covering, use physical distancing, and wash your hands frequently. Let us

continue to be stronger together.

Be well,  
Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools

## Resources for Schools and Districts



**INTEGRATE**  
THE WORLD OF ONLINE LEARNING INTO  
YOUR TEACHING PRACTICE

**Further your career with a state-recognized Certificate of Achievement in Online & Blended Instruction in just 6 months!**

The Krause Center for Innovation offers a unique and flexible professional learning experience for K-12 educators looking to formalize their field expertise.

This is an excellent program for educators that are looking to:

- Build crucial and timely skills that support “right now” and prepare for the future.
- Develop key leadership skills (especially teacher-leaders).
- Join a cohort that will journey together while shifting culture, not just instruction.
- Gain recognition and career growth opportunities.
- Earn 15 continuing education quarter units for career growth.

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**The Power of Blended Learning from the SCCOE**

The SCCOE offers a variety of online courses for educators that support learning in the current environment through the use of technology and innovative best practices.

If you are interested in experiencing ***The Power of Blended Learning*** in e-book format (not as a course), access it at [bit.ly/blendedsccoe](http://bit.ly/blendedsccoe).



The Stronger Together - Recovery and Reopening Guide represents preliminary guidance and considerations from the Santa Clara County Office of Education in partnership with Santa Clara County Public Health Department and is provided to inform local decision making processes. As more is learned, the guidance in this document will be updated with the latest recommendations. To find out more please visit the Stronger Together [web page](#).

## California Collaborative for Educational Excellence-CCEE

### Distance Learning Resources

Free online modules to support the transition to distance learning. Click [here](#) to access these great resources.



### Continuity of Learning Playbooks

The two playbooks were created to assist LEA leaders planning for teaching and learning in this new COVID-19 context: the Distance Learning Playbook and the Hybrid Learning Playbook. Click [here](#) for the playbooks.

### #ComeBack California

ComeBack California is a campaign designed by CCEE to spotlight local educational agencies' (LEAs) collaborative approaches to getting California's students back to school. Find out more [here](#).



## Public Health Updates

### Mandatory Directive for Schools

On August 28, 2020, the State Health Officer released a new framework for restrictions on certain activities, including in-person operations at schools. Under the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) framework, schools in counties in Tier 1 remain closed, except for elementary schools that obtain a waiver from the local health officer. When a county enters Tier 2, all schools in that county may resume in-person instruction 14 days later. This directive supplements the State requirements for schools and describes the process for schools to resume in-person instruction in Santa Clara County.

Information provided by the Emergency Operations Center. For more information, contact [schools@eoc.sccgov.org](mailto:schools@eoc.sccgov.org).

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### Santa Clara County Downgrades to Red Tier

Santa Clara County is at the Red Risk Level under the State's new COVID-19 reopening framework. That means certain activities can resume, and certain businesses can reopen indoor operations at reduced capacity. Some indoor businesses and activities are still too high risk to allow at this time, however, and the local order and directives ensure that people who live in the county are protected from these risks. For example, movie theaters, indoor gatherings, and indoor dining are not yet permitted to reopen under Santa Clara County's Order. Remember to follow the more restrictive set of rules. Continue to keep your distance, wear your mask, and get tested.

More details are [here](#).

Santa Clara County is at

# Red Risk Level

Allowed indoors:

- > Nail salons
- > Body waxing salons
- > Tattoo and piercing parlors
- > K-12 Schools (after being 14 days in Red)
- > Museums, zoos and aquariums at 25% capacity
- > Gyms and fitness centers at 10% capacity
- > Malls can increase capacity to 50% (opened at 25% in Purple)

Not currently allowed to resume operation under the County Order:

- > Movie theaters
- > Indoor dining
- > Indoor gatherings

Counties can move to a less restrictive level as COVID transmission goes down and testing goes up. Stay diligent about keeping your distance, wearing your mask, getting tested, and following all protocols and directives.

Our website has detailed information:

[sccgov.org/cv19order](https://sccgov.org/cv19order)

## Gov. Newsom Unveils Statewide Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[The Statewide Blueprint](#) builds on lessons learned from the first six months of the disease – and the new scientific understanding that has been collected – to create a new system for regulating movement and COVID-19 transmissions. Based on the extent of the community spread of COVID-19 in each county, a corresponding color indicates how sectors can operate.

<b>WIDESPREAD</b>	Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed
<b>SUBSTANTIAL</b>	Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed
<b>MODERATE</b>	Some indoor business operations are open with modifications
<b>MINIMAL</b>	Most indoor business operations are open with modifications



## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidance

Please click [here](#) for valuable information and guidance about face coverings from the Santa Clara County Health Department.

- [CDC guidance: COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- [CDC guidance: COVID-19 Protection](#)
- [CDC guidance: FAQ's](#)

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## Santa Clara County Health Department

The Santa Clara County Health Department released its updated A Parent's Guide to the Reopening of Santa Clara County K-12 Schools on September 21, 2020. The document, which is available in Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese, supports parents and other caregivers as they make decisions about students' return to school campuses for in-person instruction. For more information, visit the [Santa Clara County Public Health Department](#).



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## Free COVID-19 Testing Sites



The Public Health Department continues to help more people get tested for COVID-19. Those without health insurance or those who do not provide insurance information can still get a test at those sites. For people without COVID-19 symptoms, the County currently offers indoor and drive-thru sites. People with

symptoms are directed to drive-thru sites to reduce the chance of getting others sick.

To find a location near you click [here](#).

To coordinate transportation contact:

- VTA Route Planning: (408) 321-2300
- Paratransit: (408) 321-2381

## Resources for Families

### FIRST 5 Santa Clara and the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Dear Parents/Caregivers: FIRST 5 Santa Clara and the Santa Clara County Office of Education would like to understand the experiences of families with children entering kindergarten or transitional kindergarten (TK) in fall 2020. If you have an entering kindergarten/TK student, we invite you to complete this brief confidential survey by October 23 to be entered into a raffle to win a \$100 Amazon gift card!



English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SantaClaraPIF20-21>

Español: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SP-SantaClaraPIF20-21>

Tiếng Việt: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VIET-SantaClaraPIF>



[Santa Clara County Office of Education Emergency Advisory Page](#)

## National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Reach Out and Restore Hope

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and during these challenging times some may be experiencing feelings of anxiety, frustration and sadness, and these feelings may become overwhelming. If you or someone that you know is experiencing these thoughts learn how to find assistance and restore hope.

Please contact [Santa Clara County Suicide](#) and Crisis hotline, at 24/7 toll-free **1-855-278-4204** or text **HELLO** to **741741**.



## September is National Suicide Prevention Month

The Santa Clara County Suicide & Crisis  
Hotline (SACS) is a 24-hour, toll-free  
confidential suicide prevention hotline.

**CRISIS TEXT LINE**

**Text HELLO to 741741**

**Free, 24/7, Confidential**

## 5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain



### **Ask**

"Are you thinking  
about suicide?"

### **Keep Them Safe**

Reduce access to lethal items or places

### **Be There**

Listen carefully and  
acknowledge their feelings

### **Help Them Connect**

The National Suicide Prevention  
Lifeline Number  
1-800-273-8355

### **Stay Connected**

Follow up and stay in touch



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## Child Care Resource and Referral

As of July 1st the Santa Clara County Office of Education is the new Child Care Resource and Referral for Santa Clara County. The Resource and Referral Program seeks to connect families with child care and provides information about the many child care options available in our county.

**STEPS TO  
SUCCESS**  
Enroll. Attend. Learn.

Visit our county's new child care portal to enroll in safe, licensed child care near you! You can also contact the Resource and Referral Program directly.

Portal: [www.childcarescc.org](http://www.childcarescc.org)

Phone: 669-212-KIDS

Email: [childcarescc@sccoe.org](mailto:childcarescc@sccoe.org)

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## Be Heard By November 3, 2020!

Due to the pandemic, you may have concerns regarding the November 3rd election. Registering to vote and casting your vote may appear a bit overwhelming. However, during this upcoming election it is actually easier to do both. If you have not yet registered to vote or would like to verify the status of your registration, please visit the [California Voter Registration](#). Please note the **deadline to register to vote is Oct 19, 2020**, 15 days before **Election Day on Nov 3, 2020**. Anyone who is registered to vote will receive a ballot mailed to them automatically. Completed ballots can be returned in the free postage-paid envelope that is provided or can be placed in one of 98 conveniently located drop-boxes throughout the county.

[The Registrar of Voters Office](#) will also be open for early voting beginning on October 5, 2020 through Election Day. Voters who prefer to vote in person can still do so at any of the more than 100 Vote Centers that will be open throughout Santa Clara County starting October 31, 2020.

Adhering to COVID-19 protocols, the Vote Centers will offer sanitary, in-person options for a full spectrum of services including language and accessibility assistance. For more information visit [sccvote.org/voterschoice](http://sccvote.org/voterschoice) or call **866-430-VOTE (8683)**. A few dates to keep in mind:

- Early voting starts at [The Registrar of Voters Office](#) **Oct 5, 2020**
- Vote Centers open **Oct 31, 2020**
- **Election day Nov 3, 2020**



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## Great Plates Delivered

The “Great Plates Delivered” program connects older adults across California to meal delivery services. Santa Clara County seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 can access the program at [mysourcewise.com](https://mysourcewise.com) or by calling 408-350-3230 (option 1). For more information visit [siliconvalleystrong.org](https://siliconvalleystrong.org).



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## California Parent and Youth Helpline

The California Parent and Youth Helpline provides support and resource referrals to parent and youth during the current COVID-19 pandemic, 7-days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call or text **1-855-4APARENT** (855-427-2736) for services in English, Spanish and other languages.

For more information, please visit: <https://caparentyouthhelpline.org/>

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## Uplift Family Services

The [Uplift Family Services' Mobile Crisis Team](#) provides 24-hour intervention to children and teens in the community who are in acute psychological crisis. To access the 24-hour/7 days a week crisis line call **1-408-379-9085** or call toll-free **1-877-41-CRISIS** (412-7474).



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## Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

The **Families First Coronavirus Response Act** (FFCRA) is part of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For information and FAQ's about FFCRA please use the links provided. [Information](#) and [FAQ's](#)

## Announcements



### **Santa Clara County Board of Education Approves Resolution in Support of High School Voter Education Weeks**

To view the news release, click [here](#).

### **SCCOE Launches Early Learning Enrollment and Attendance Campaign with Grant from the Morgan Family Foundation**

To view news release, click [here](#).

#### About the Santa Clara County Office of Education

*Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency that provides instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County. The County Office of Education directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy. The SCCOE also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools.*



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